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The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is your neighborhood civic organization which publishes the Southwester. We need help both on the Board of the Assembly and on the writing, production and business side of the Southwester.

All residents of the Southwest 18 and over are members of the Assembly and all ages can participate.

You 30 and 40 year olds in our neighborhood who have good jobs now have the opportunity to participate in community building activities--give back something to our interesting and excitingly diverse community. One man, now 43, who was an activist during the 60's writes that, "I hope what we're moving toward is an integration of individualism and community with acceptance of the diversity of our society".

Those who have just retired have an opportunity to take on something new--this time for the good of our whole neighborhood.

The Southwester has a new editor who has been doing a wonderful job, as many have commented. We still need a business manager to take care of getting the ads which make it possible for us to put out the paper. We need typists, writers and layout people. Here is your chance to try out new activities or use your present expertise for a worthy cause.

The Board of the Assembly meets the first Thursday of each month to plan the Assembly meeting for the last Thursday and to carry on our business. We need a secretary, and representatives for District II (north of M St. and east of 4th), and District IV (south of M St. and east of 4th).

The fall is traditionally a time of starting civic associations anew. Please come forward and volunteer yourself. Call me at 554-0242 and leave a message, or come to our Assembly meeting at St. Matthews church, 222 M St. S.W., at 7:30 on Sept. 27. We need you.

Margaret Feldman, President, SWNA

A Special Report

Owing to resignations and key people moving away, we find ourselves shorthanded at the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. To continue our good work, we need:

1. Candidates for our Board of Directors.
2. Typists.
3. Business manager/publisher for our unique publication, the *Southwester*.
4. Persons to assist/manage the securing of advertising.
5. All persons with interest or experience in community affairs.



ZELDA FICHANDLER
Producing Director of Arena Stage

1990 SEASON MARKS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ARENA STAGE

Beginning in September of 1990, Arena Stage will celebrate its 40th Anniversary Season. A wide variety of exciting events and festivities will mark Arena's forty years of achievement and recognize the outstanding contributions of Co-Founder and Producing Director Zelda Fichandler to American theater and the Washington community.

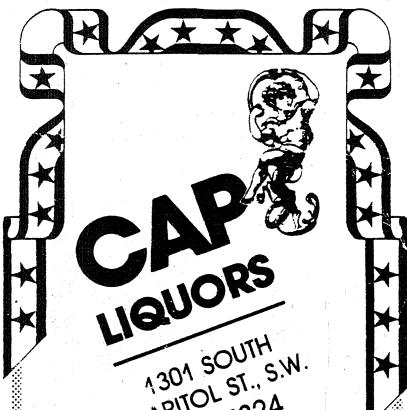
Zelda will relinquish her post as producing director at the end of the 1990-91 season to become the artistic director of The Acting Company in New York, but will continue to direct for Arena as well as serve as artistic director of the Graduate Acting Program at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Associate Producing Director Douglas C. Wager, a sixteen-year veteran of Arena Stage, will become Arena's artistic director in May of 1991.

Arena Stage is privileged to have Mrs. George Bush serving as the Honorary Patron of the 40th Anniversary Gala. Arena is also honored to have as its 40th Anniversary Council chairmen Actress Jane Alexander,

New York University President John Brademas, *Washington Post* publisher Donald Graham, Actor James Earl Jones and San Francisco Ballet President W. McNeil Lowry. They will be joined by an Anniversary Council, made up of prominent members of artistic, corporate, and political spheres.

Since its beginning in 1950, the growth of Arena Stage has paralleled that of the resident theater movement in this country. Zelda was one in a small group of theater pioneers that wanted to create professional theater for communities outside of New York. Her founding of Arena and establishing of its acting company played a major role in swinging the axis from New York to the resident theater companies to provide consistently high-quality productions of classic and contemporary works while also nurturing the development of new work. Under Zelda's leadership, Arena Stage has grown from modest beginnings to be one of this nation's pre-eminent resident theaters--a

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1988 -- Associate Producing Director Douglas C. Wager's smash remake of the Marx Brothers' 1920 comedy, "The Cocoanuts". Pictured are Stephen Mellor and Halo Wines.

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model for theaters across the country and one of the major theater companies of the world, with more than 400 productions to its credit.

The 40th Anniversary subscription season of eight plays is specially designed to look back over the past, out into the present and forward into the future. The season will also be reflective of Arena's commitment to increased multicultural representation on its stages. Plays to be produced as Brecht's The Caucasian Chalk Circle, which opened the new Arena theater in 1961; the contemporary Russian drama Cerceau by Viktor Slavkin; Thornton Wilder's Our Town; George Bernard Shaw's classic Pygmalion; Timberlake Wertenbaker's Our Country's Good; Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, She Stoops To Conquer, which was the very first Arena production in 1950; Chekhov's classic The Seagull; and a two-play repertory of new drama, Born Guilty, Ari Roth's dramatization of the emotional conflicts of children of Nazis and Before It Hits Home, Cheryl West's heartfelt drama about the impact of AIDS on a Black Family.

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ASSEMBLY MEETING TO FEATURE TASK FORCES

On September 27th, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will hear about the activities of the Task Forces.

Francine Vincent, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, is bringing some of our scholarship winners to tell "What my scholarship meant to me".

Dr. Beryl Rice, Chairperson of the Youth Activities Task Force, and Delmar Weathers are arranging a panel of people who were mentors for our young summer job holders. They will discuss "the mentoring process".

New plans for the Crime and Drug Task Force will be presented.

All residents of Southwest are invited to the Assembly meeting at St. Matthews Church, 222 M St. SW, at 7:30 Sept. 27th.

ORANGE HAT PICNIC AT FORT MCNAIR

Though no orange hats were in evidence, nearly all of the 50 people who came to the picnic area of Fort McNair, one afternoon, this summer, are members of the S.W. Coalition who wear orange hats each evening as they patrol the neighborhood.

The fellowship and feast celebrated three months of patrol by the Coalition and the First Metropolitan District police. Members told guests the many signs they see that the patrol is making a difference, reducing the sale of drugs in Southwest, making it safe for neighborhood children to play outside in the evening, building community as neighbors get acquainted and they spoke of how much fun they had at the block party at Carrollsburg Place.

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1990 ART AUCTION

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and A. Salon, Ltd. announce the 1990 Artist Auction which will be held at the Arena Stage, 6th Street and Maine Avenue, SW, on Monday, September 24. A silent auction and preview of live auction works will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 6:30pm. A reception for the live auction will begin at 7:00 pm and the live auction will start at 8:00 pm.

The theme of the 1990 Artist' Auction is "Art and Politics." Selected items in the silent auction will be political memorabilia and political drawings. As in the past, most of the paintings in the live auction are donated by art galleries, as well as artists in the metropolitan area.

So, dust off those old campaign buttons. Or, you may have some other exciting live auction donations (a weekend get-away, resume writing, football tickets or computer work) ... just use your imagination. If you'd like to volunteer to help on September 24th, call Carole Early at 488-3355.

FIRST DISTRICT POLICE DEPT. AWARDS CEREMONY OCT 12TH

On Friday, October 12, 1990, at 7:PM, the First District in conjunction with the Citizens Advisory Council will host it's fourth annual "Awards and Recognition Banquet" at the Capitol Holiday Inn, 550 C Street S.W. (Cocktails 6:00 to 7:00 PM) The purpose of this banquet is to honor the officers, as well as citizens of the First District, who have performed admirably during the past year. The theme of this affair will be "A NATIONAL'S CAPITAL FREE OF DRUGS AND CRIME". Guest Speaker will be Council-member John Ray.

In addition to the police honorees, the following community members will receive the "Commanding Officer's Recognition Award" for their achievements.

Ms. Francine Vinson: Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's Scholarship Comm.

Ms. Cecile S. Shure: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6B Public Safety Comm.

"BATES AREA COALITION" The first "Orange Hat" citizens patrol to organize in the First District.

You are cordially invited to attend this worthwhile event. Donation for this affair is \$25. All checks should be made payable to the First District Children's and Community Services Fund. All net proceeds will benefit the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club.

Should you have further questions regarding this affair, you may contact Lieutenant Douglas L. Avery (Community Services Coordinator) at 724-4643.

ANC 2-D MEETING

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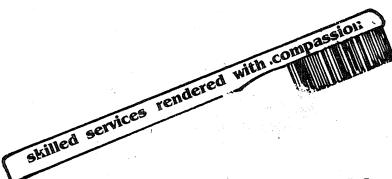
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Wayman McCoy

CONCERT MASTER WAYMAN McCOY; STRINGS FROM HEAVEN

The bittersweet sounds of a bow joining the strings of a violin is not unusual unless those sounds come from the first Black family of Amherst, New York.

Wayman McCoy III was introduced to the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra by his elementary school teacher, Ms. Emmie. It was then, that he developed a love for classical music and a special attachment to the violin. McCoy began his violin career when he was 8 years old, playing for his elementary school. McCoy continued to nurture his relationship with the violin, when in high school he successfully competed for a seat with the New York State Music Association All State Conference Chamber Orchestra. There he and his brother, Craig (also an aspiring violinist), were the only two Black students participating. "Let's face it, you don't see the numbers of Blacks in classical music," says McCoy, "culturally Blacks don't identify with classical music."

So what's behind McCoy's passion for classical? To start with, a love of the violin, and "rudimentary classical training... a musician can embark upon a number of musical genre with training in classical music." McCoy can prove his point. He can play anything from classical to jazz to gospel to rhythm and blues. He has appeared as violin soloist at Blue's Alley, played with Dizzie Gillespie at Fort Dupont and served as concertmaster for three of Howard University Jazz Ensemble albums.

Presently, McCoy performs with the "Strings for Christ" Ensemble as first violinist, with Michelle Ruiz on second violin, Micheal Sloan on viola and Donna Purdie on cello. "Strings for Christ" have played together for a year and a half. It's name represents each member's decision to devote his life to Christ, "As I grow spiritually, I have a deeper understanding of my instrument," conveys McCoy.

The smooth heart-strings of "Strings for Christ" can often be heard at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. McCoy is also working on a song writing project with Vinnie Barrett, author of "Love Won't Let Me Wait."



Lavern Jackson

FORMER SWNA BOARD MEMBER PROMOTED

Former S.W. resident and former SWNA board member Lavern Jackson has been promoted to Director of Marketing for the URBAN SHELTERS & HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS, INC. of Washington, DC.

Ms. Jackson will be responsible for marketing health care management services to city, state and federal government agencies. USHCSI is a minority-owned company with over 400 employees that provides a wide range of technical, managerial, and consultative services in the shelter and health fields. Presently they operate a nursing home facility, several family transitional shelters, a men's overnight shelter and a juvenile male therapeutic center.

A totally different, more practical side of Wayman reveals a man pursuing a MBA in Health Services Administration. He also earned a B.S. in Zoology from Howard University.

Wayman McCoy III is a true example of what we are capable of doing with some discipline, drive and ambition. We are proud to have Mr. McCoy as part of the Southwest community.



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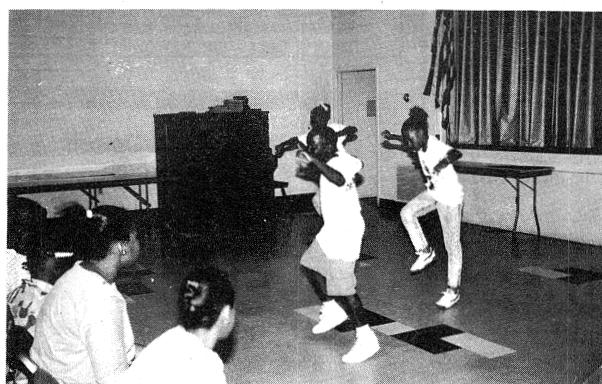
Boys on the bench.

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Kids step at SWNA meeting.



Rev. Rosa Mitchell smiles



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COMMUNITY



L.- R. Dr. Dorothy Kittel, Dr. Ben Igwe and Carolyn McCormick

DR. BEN IGWE APPOINTED REGIONAL LIBRARIAN

Dr. Ben Igwe, Southwest Branch Librarian, has been appointed Regional Branch Librarian for Region IV of the D.C. public library. Under regionalization, Region IV consists of five branch libraries, Anacostia, Capitol View, Francis Gregory Regional branch, Southwest and Washington Highlands. It also includes Parkland Turner community library.

Dr. Igwe came to the Southwest library as the Branch Librarian in December 1988. Since his arrival at the library, significant changes have occurred. The branch has in this space of time become the focal point of culture for the community, offering a variety of programs for all. First and foremost, readership at the branch has maintained a steady increase and it is now at an all-time high. Dr. Igwe's insistence on having a well-rounded, up-to-date book and magazine collection meets the needs and interests of Southwest residents. Since his arrival here, the branch has acquired the Info Trac Magazine Index, a computerized information retrieval mechanism that library patrons use a lot.

While serving as branch librarian, he has involved himself in a number of community groups such as the Southwest Scholarship Committee and the Black History Month Committee. He achieved an excellent rapport with the Friends of the S.W. Library Group and worked closely with them. Under Ms. Dorothy Kittel as president, the Friends made numerous cash and material donations to the branch while supporting many community programs. Dr. Igwe lent his effort to the booksale activity of the Friends which in the last two years has generated more money than ever. The bi-annual booksale is now held three times a year.

In 1989, under Dr. Igwe's leadership, the library held its first Author Book Party to recognize a local author. The event was well attended and drew a cross section of the community to the library. Such activity is

McCORMICK BECOMES NEW HEAD OF SW LIBRARY

Congratulations to Carolyn V. Burgess-McCormick for being promoted to head branch librarian of the S.W. Library. She takes over the branch position from Dr. Ben Igwe who also has been promoted. He will be the Regional Branch Librarian for District IV.

Ms. McCormick has been the assistant librarian for the last two years at the S.W. branch. She has been very active in the community and the SWNA. Her role as secretary for the Youth Activity Task Force has been very demanding. She also finds time to assist with the S.W. Scholarship Committee and give guidance to the many young people who pass thru the library.

Ms. McCormick has a Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. Her undergraduate degree is in Sociology and she also has a Practical Nursing Diploma. Her caring nature is evident in her work. She shows a concern for everyone, especially the kids of S.W.

The SOUTHWESTER extends best wishes to Ms. McCormick. We all know that our community is in good hands and she has our full support.

now a feature of the library. Early this year, the branch library was the venue for a DOE-sponsored program for the distribution of thousands of books to Amidon Elementary School children. Mrs. Marilyn Quale, wife of the Vice President, was the guest of honor of the occasion.

In the two years that Dr. Igwe was the Branch Librarian, he set a high standard of excellence of service. He leaves behind a high-spirited and committed staff that is the envy of non-residents of the Southwest community. We convey to Dr. Igwe the best wishes of the Southwester and the Southwest community as he leaves to advance in his career.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Editor:

My name is Donna Alston, and I enjoy reading the Southwester. You and your staff have demonstrated the growth and strengths in Southwest. Thank you so much for the Southwester. I have been a resident of Southwest for twenty-four years now and it has served me well.

I attended the schools here. I will always remember Jefferson Junior High School. Ms. White, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Miller were and still are fine role models. Thank you for encouraging me and the people who attended Jefferson Junior High.

Again, and again, I express my thanks to you and your staff for many topics well done.

Sincerely,
Donna Alston

Dear Editor:

I am a concerned parent with two children presently in the DC public school system. I also have another child who graduated from high school here in the district two years ago. In addition, both myself and the children's father completed school here too. Thus, I feel I have a strong basis for the comments enclosed herein.

There has been much to say about the public school system here in Washington, DC, most of which has been derogatory. Published statistics have shown that nearly 50 percent of all DC students do not complete school and go on to college. There is also statistical evidence to support a high illiteracy rate among DC students, meaning most students can hardly accomplish the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic.

Contributing to these statistical results is the fact that many of the DC school facilities are under staffed, under supplied, and outdated. The lack of resources as well as the present state of our city's economy also takes its toll. The combination of these factors in the midst of a city infested with drugs, crime, and poverty has to create some difficult conditions for our teachers to work with.

This past year, at the Syphax Elementary School, the 6th grade graduating class did not participate in promotional exercises.

If the students have in fact completed the requirements for advancement to the next academic level as prescribed by the DC Board of Education, then they should be honored as such.

It is very important that a child get a good foundation, guidance, and direction in the early years.

Let's not break with good wholesome traditions that help. We need positive influences for our children during these times here in the District of Columbia as well as in America.

Margaret Boyd, Concerned Parent

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Editorial

As our front page indicates, we need help for the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly. Important and constructive activities have been commenced and continued, but at this stage, we can't do it all alone. We know full well there are capable and experienced persons in Southwest and Southeast. We share the efforts so that no one person should feel he or she has to devote full time. We must make our appeal loud and clear.

Good work is going to be wasted unless persons of good faith come forward.

Our next monthly meeting is at St. Matthews Church on M Street SW. Please join us and get involved. It's your community too.

Margaret Feldman, President 554-0242
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Dear S:

I can understand your worry about the combination of auto, alcohol and your daughter. BUT, have you congratulated her yet on her choice of friends? They did just the right and responsible thing to not let her drive, but to bring her AND your automobile home safely.

From your letter, I got the impression that you and your daughter have had a fairly open and friendly relationship already, so it should not be difficult to reestablish that kind of atmosphere, especially if YOU, Mother are willing to learn some new ways of interacting with your adult child.

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If you went to Western or Ellington, please let us know how to contact you to give you information on the CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. Call (202) 232-4692 or drop a line to "Alumni", c/o Ellington School, 35th & R Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

PEACE

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Give me love
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Thinking of.

Donna Alston

At 17 (almost 18) there is very little that you can DO to her. I hope that I can convince parents (you included) that punishment and reward are not helpful in developing children with a good sense of values and cooperative behavior. And, isn't that what we want for our children, that they grow up to be self-sufficient, caring and cooperative members of our family and of our society.

Physical punishment is demeaning and disrespectful; we do not treat our friends this way. How can we then justify treating our children that way?

A more effective system is that of "natural and logical consequences." This occurs when the child forgets his lunch box and mother resists the temptation to drop everything and run it over to the school. The child is hungry for the rest of the day until dinner time, but I can almost guarantee you that he will not "forget" his lunch again.

For the older adolescent, Mother and child can sit together and discuss what the logical consequence of excessive drinking of alcohol should be. The parent may find that

his son or daughter will decide that the child should be required to give up driving for some reasonable length of time. They also may remind the parents of that good edict that "drinking and driving do NOT mix."

The parent does not have the opportunity to feel the responsibility of his behavior, both past and future.

So, parents and children can remain friends. Children can learn the all-important lessons of life and that the relationship between parent and child can be strengthened. After all, our motive is to teach our children well, not to punish and hurt them.

Marion C. Rosen Ed.D.

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Here in near-southwest Washington, DC, we have a special opportunity to assist our needy neighbors in a way that is consistent with human dignity, and which sponsors self-help, coordination and direction. That opportunity is the Southwest Community House, which has been a guiding force in the community since 1901, which has gone through hard times, and is now making a comeback in the new efforts at redevelopment and expansion of programs. The restored agency is in a strategic position to be able to provide a coordinated effort in the war on poverty, crime and illegal drugs. Of the fifteen thousand residents in our area, four thousand live on the poverty level. In the neighborhoods designated as middle and upper income, people experience loss of jobs, illness and difficulties that require special help.

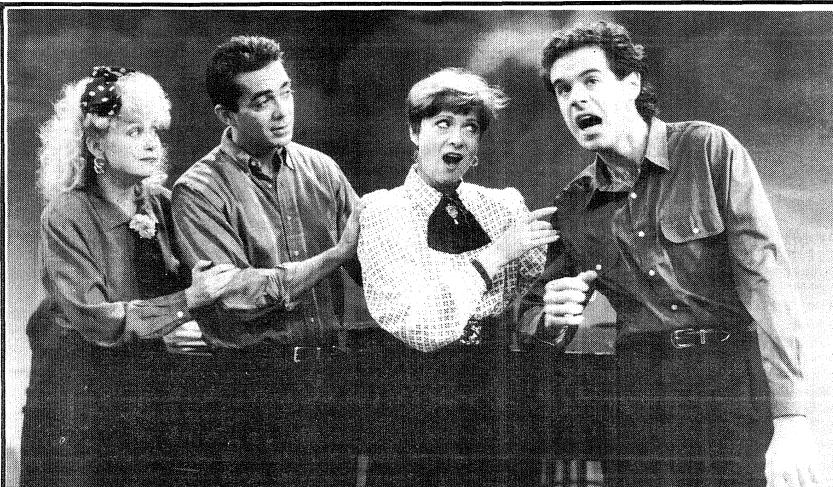
The Southwest Community House, under the leadership of its new Executive Director, Ms. Rosa Benard, and a twenty-four member Board of Directors, began a new effort to reorganize and develop the agency with Crisis Intervention and Employment Services and is now re-defining its efforts for troubled youth and homebound seniors. However, the House is not able to carry on its mission without community support. Financial assistance to cover expenses not provided by funding agencies is crucial, as is supportive leadership from local residents, businesses and organizations.

Two immediate avenues of support are to consider designating the Southwest Community House (#3191) as a specific recipient of your United Way contribution, and to help with the Community Yard Sale sponsored by St. Dominic's Church on October 6th and 7th. You might even think about membership on the Board of Directors, serving as a volunteer to write proposals or help with the programs of the House.

Fr. Norman Haddad is pastor of St. Dominic's Church since 1981. He had previously served as assistant pastor from 1962 to 1972.

His activities in the southwest community include working with the Southwest Community House and the Southwest Clergy Association. Fr. Haddad also served as chairperson of the South-west Neighborhood Assembly in 1970 and 1971. He is available to answer questions at 554-7863 or call Southwest Community House at 488-7210.

ARTS



Cast of "Closer Than Ever" L.- R. Sally Mayes, Louis Padilla, Meg Bussert, Craig Wells

"CLOSER THAN EVER" MAKES PREMIERE

Arena Stage opened this season with the off-Broadway hit musical revue, Closer than Ever. The music was written by David Shire with lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr.. This show was the winner of the Outer Critics' Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical and was nominated for the Drama Desk Awards for Best Music and Best Lyrics. Closer than Ever was conceived by Steven Scott Smith and is directed by Maltby.

Closer than Ever is a collection of witty, wry, warm songs that address a range of contemporary concerns and issues of the heart sparked by urban life experiences. Performed by a four-member cast featuring Meg Bussert, Sally Mayes, Louis Padilla and Craig Wells, the songs of Closer than Ever are each emotionally rich and collectively insightful as an anthology to modern living. Richard Maltby and David Shire have been affiliated with many successful productions. Maltby won the 1978 Tony Award as Best Director of a Musical. He conceived and directed Ain't Misbehavin', which also won the Tony Award and the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award as Best Musical of 1978. He directed, and along with Don Black, adapted the American version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's Song and Dance on Broadway. Maltby has a 15-year association with the forthcoming Broadway musical Nick and Nora and is working on a new musical with Shire. Maltby is also the co-lyricist of Miss Saigon.

David Shire's music has received numerous awards and nominations, the most recent being a 1990 Emmy nomination for the score to the television mini-series The Kennedys of Massachusetts. He has to his credit two Academy Award nominations, and he won an Oscar in 1980 for the song "It Goes Like It Goes" from the film Norma Rae. Shire's forty feature scores include those for The Conversation, All the President's Men, and Farewell, My Lovely. His many television scores have earned three Emmy nominations and his recorded songs include Barbra Streisand's "What About Today?" and the international hit "With You I'm Born Again." He has also won two Grammy Awards for his contributions to the Saturday

Night Fever album.

Meg Bussert has played the leading lady in numerous musicals, including Broadway's The Music Man, opposite Dick Van Dyke; Camelot opposite Richard Harris, and Brigadoon, Sally Hayes, an original cast member, won an Outer Critics' Circle Award nomination for her performance in Closer than Ever and a Theater World Award on Broadway for Welcome to the Club in 1988. Louis Padilla has appeared on and off Broadway, and recently recreated the role of Haman in Liz Swados' Esther, A Vaudeville Megillah at the International Theater Festival in Madrid. Craig Wells has worked extensively on Broadway (Les Miserables, Chess) and off-Broadway (Forbidden Broadway).

From the original New York production is Patrick Scott Brady as music director and pianist, Marcia Milgrom Dodge as choreographer (Dodge also choreographed Arena Stage's productions of On the Town and Merrily We Roll Along). Robert D. Renino is bass accompanist. Closer than Ever runs through September 29th.

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S.W. SCHOLARSHIP FUND HELPS 24 STUDENTS

The SWNA Scholarship committee raised \$7200 thanks to the help of the S.W. community. Twenty-four scholarships were awarded to deserving S.W. students to further their educational aspirations. The recipients once again showcased their talents at the Third Annual Awards Program held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in August.

The theme of "We're All In This Together" expressed the mood of the program and the recipients. Former S.W. scholarship winner, Sonte DuCote presided as Mistress of Ceremonies. Vocalist Don Poe and Jay Duncan performed solos. Paul Weiss thrilled the crowd with a trumpet solo, while brother Geoff Weiss wrote the skit portrayed by the students called "With a Little Help From My Friends." The most exceptional performance were by vocalist Marianne Minus and Anita Sands who played a Chopin original.

Special Awards were given to:
Craig Drake \$500, 1st District Police Department Award -
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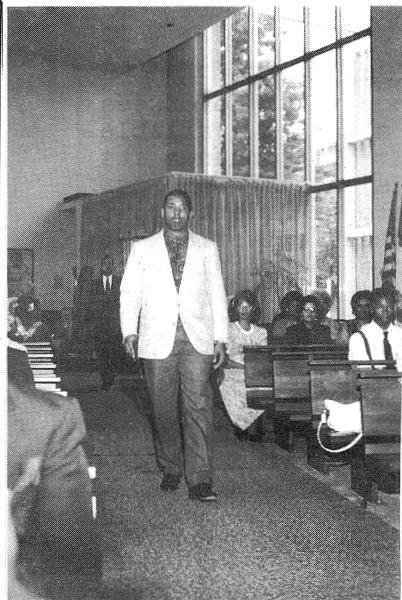
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Twenty-one students received awards ranging from \$250 to \$300 based on their overall evaluations. Four panels composed of scholarship committee members and community volunteers convened to evaluate each student.

Recipients: Anglea Abbott, Todd Barron, Steven Bethea, Michael Bethea, Cassandra Butler, Barbara Diggs, Craig Drake, Danee Gaines, Nikkia Johns, Marianne Minus, Marcia Norris, Karen Owens, Terrrance Pringle, Malonda Richard, Sergio Rozelle, Theresa Thomas, Joseph Tennin, Fulton Vinson, Simbi Waters, Geoff Weiss, Michael Young, Andy Zalan, Anita Sands

Special thanks to Councilman John Wilson for his generous contribution of \$1000 and to everyone in the community who gave donations. WE REALLY ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

Michael Young



1990 S.W. Scholarship recipients



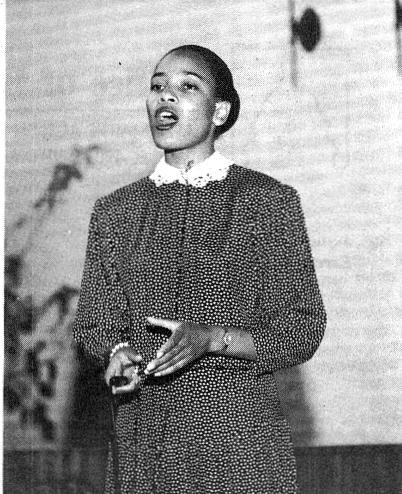
Don Poe sings solo



Craig Drake receives Award



Anita Sands does Chopin



Marianne Minus sings.



Mistress of Ceremonies Sonte DuCote



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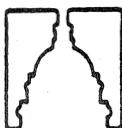


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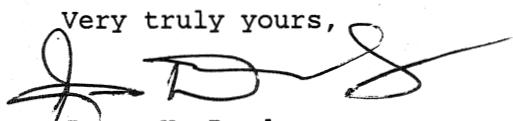
A major objective of Portals Development Associates (PDA) is to assure that a broad segment of the Southwest community benefits from the success of the Portals Project. To stand by its commitment, PDA has developed a broad-based community participation plan which focuses on youth employment, recreation and cultural enrichment. Our community participation plan is designed to involve community based organizations, like yours, that are providing services in:

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PDA's Office of Business and Community Assistance (OBCA) oversees PDA's community participation program. OBCA's staff is available to meet with you to discuss your organization. To enhance its efforts, please provide us with descriptive data on your organization. Submitted information will help us identify if your organization meets our funding and assessment criteria. We are seeking ways we can work together and improve the services to the Southwest Community.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. I look forward to receiving material on your organization soon.

Very truly yours,



James H. Dowdy
Executive Director